Psychological Influence in Curing Dis-

Dr. George M. Beard read a paper on "The Influence of Mind in the Causation and Cure of Disease."

Dr. Beard cited two cases of organic disease of the spine which had received decided temporary relief while sitting under blue glass. The opinion was expressed that in time all works on therapeutics must include a chapter on mental therapeutics. From experiments and study. Dr. Beard was able to make the following psychological suggestions:

First—The ill success of patients treating themselves, and of physicians treating themselves, and of physicians treating their own families, was partly due to the want of awe and the emotion of wonder to co-operate with them.

Second—The old custom of keeping patients ignorant of the contents of prescriptions, by writing them in Latin, had psychology on its side. Possibly we may be going too far the other way.

Third—It is entirely possible that hydrophobia and tetanus may be brought on, with all their distinctive symptoms, and that death may result, through the emotions of fear and expectation alone.

Fourth—Patients whose will and intellect are feeble have a bad prognosis, for with them the subjective symptoms are trifling, and vice versa.

Fifth—Physicians of great scientific attainment and real worth may fail when an ignorant and obscure charlatan succeeds, because in the latter wonder and awe are excited, and these are more powerful therapeutically than simple respect.

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Sixth—In experimenting in hospitals with new medicines patients must be deceived, or else the results are complicated by mental influence.
Dr. Beard expressed a belief that those who would repeat his experiments would confirm his results and conclusions.—
Medical Record.

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The following account of a gigantic nettle-tree belonging to the flora of Australia—which, by the way, is full of strange forms of vegetation—is credited in Hardwicke's Science-Gossip to Brisbane: "There grows in the Australiasian bush a nettle-tree which attains the size of the largest trees seen in England. It has a large, round, furry leaf; is, as all other Australian trees are, evergreen; but it makes no timber, the trunk being simply a tube filled with pith, and one stroke of the ax will fell a young tree about a foot through. The tree is well known, very common, and carefully guarded against; but, if by accident one does happen to touch a leaf, it is an occurrence one does not easily forget. Surveying a line one day through the dense scrub, I happened inadvertently to brush against a young tree, and the leaves just touched the back of my hand. The pain caused was extreme, and extended immediately right up the arm, with a sensation as if the arm were paralyzed, and it was quite useless; and a swelling, the size of an egg, appeared within five minutes exactly under my arm. These symptoms lasted some hours; then a smart tingling was left; but this remained for six weeks, and it was considerably increased by wetting the part with cold water."

Speak Gently to the Poet.

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"Encourage the young poet"—Ex. Yes, encourage him. We wrote poetry once ourselves, but we were not encouraged. When we submitted a 14-page poem to a publisher, he said the measure was defective. We offered to write 10 more pages and give him full measure without extra charge, but he didn't encourage us. He said many of the lines lacked the requisite number of feet, and we proposed to scratch off 17 more feet of the stuff on the spot, so that he might add a foot here and there, where it would do the most good, but he didn't encourage us. He made a motion to put a foot where it wouldn't do us any good, and we went away from there without making any further propositions. Something told us that it would be unhealthy to linger around there any longer. But we subsequently sold our poem. We got two cents a pound for it, and the purchaser didn't grumble about a lack of "measure" or "feet," either. He seemed to appreciate the production; but the careless manner in which he jammed it into an old bag was not calculated to encourage a young poet. —Norristown Herald.

KINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

One of the most refreshing drinks in warm weather is lemonade, but the great secret in making it is to use boil-ing water and let it become cool, when crushed ice can be added.

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To remove paint from windows, take strong bi carbonate of soda, and dissolve it in hot water; wash the glass, and in 20 minutes or half an hour, rub thoroughly with a dry cloth.

GRAPE OR PLUM JAM.—Stew in a little water, and press the fruit through a colander or coarse sieve, adding a little water to plums to get all the pulp through. Add sugar and finish as currant jam.

To prevent the smoke of a lamp.

The part of the smoke of a lamp, soak the wick in strong vinegar and dry it well before using it. It will then burn both sweet and pleasant, and give much satisfaction for the trouble in preparing

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—For arresting fermentation in milk or cream, California borax has no equal. One-half thimbleful dissolved in hot water, and put into the milk, will keep it perfectly sweet. It is also good for arresting taint in meats: in short, it has a multitude of beneficial uses in the household.

—A tablespoonful of black pepper put in the first water in which gray and bluff linens are washed will keep them from spotting. It will also generally keep the colors of black or colored cambries, or muslins, from running, and does not harden the water.

—The following wash will renovate gilt frames: Take sufficient flour of sulphur to give a golden tinge to about a pint and a half of water, and in this boil 4 or 5 bruised onions, or garlie; strain off the liquid, and with it, when cold, wash with a soft brush any gilding which requires restoring.

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After paring, a little more than cover
them with boiling water, and cook till
just done; turn off the water; throw on
a little sait, shake your pot thoroughly,
and leave uncovered till ready to be
dished. Even old and poor potatoes
soaked a little in cold water, and cooked in this way, are made quite passable.

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Dr. Dupuy stated that he owed to his friend, Dr. Gibney, the opportunity of observing a family consisting of father and mother, five children and one grandchild. The father and mother are semi-ambidextrous. All of the children and the grandchild are ambidextrous to an annoying degree; all of the movements which they perform with one hand are simultaneously performed with the other hand. The girls are obliged to use only one hand when dressing themselves or when cutting patterns, and hold the other hand down by their side, because the two hands perform the same movements at the same time and would interfere with each other. Attention was called to the fact that the father of the grandchild is not semi-ambidextrous. Dr. Dupuy has made experiments upon these persons, and has found that if the skin on the forearm on one side be kept dry, and a rapidly interrupted electrical current be used, so as to only call forth reflex actions, it is possible to induce synchronous movements in the fingers of both hands, and also muscular contraction in the lumbricales muscles of the fingers, which are too rapid to be carried on by the will.—Medical Record.

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